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HARLES the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. TO ALL to whom these Prefents shall come Greeting. WHEREAS the Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of Our City of Dublin, in our Kingdom of Ireland, have humbly petitioned Us, thereby fetting forth, That several of our Subjects in that Our City and Kingdom, being charitably affected towards fuch as through Age. Sickness, or other Accidents, are reduced to Poverty, or disabled to gain their Living by their own Labour; and pioufly confidering also the great Benefit of the good Education and Instruction of Youth; have proposed the Erection, building and establishing of an Hospital and Free School, within the Liberties of our City of Dublin, and have shewed great Willingness to contribute

tribute to fo good a Work, which they hope to accomplish, in Case they may, by our Royal Authority, be enabled and capacitated to purchase Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments for the erecting and maintaining of fuch an Hospital and Free School, and to make good, wholesome and necesfary Laws for the Rule and Government thereof. KNOW Ye therefore, that We of our princely Disposition, for the Furtherance and Accomplishment of fo good and charitable a Work, of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, by and with the Advice and Confent of our right trufty and well beloved Counfellor. John, Lord Berkeley, our Lieutenant General and General Governour of our faid Realm of Ireland, and according to the Tenour and Effect of our Letters, bearing Date at our Gourt at Whitehall, the four and twentieth Day of October, in the three and twentieth Year of our Reign, and now enrolled in the Rolls in our High Court of Chancery in our faid Realm of Ireland, Have given, granted, released and confirmed, And by these Presents for Us, our Heirs and Succeffors, Dogive, grant, release and confirm unto the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons, and Citizens of Our City of Dublin, and their Successors for ever, ALL that Piece or Parcel of Ground on Oxmantown-Green, near Our

Our faid City of Dublin, on which the intended Hospital and Free-School is already begun to be built. AND all and fingular the Edifices and Buildings thereon, and all Yards, Backfides, Lands, Tenements, Ways, Waters, Water-courses, Easements, Liberties, Privileges, Profits, Commodities, Advantages, Appurtenances, and Hereditaments whatfoever, to the fame belonging or appertaining, of what Quantity, Quality, Nature, Kind, or Sort foever they be, and by whatfoever Name or Names the fame are called or known, or reputed, accepted or taken, together with their and every of their Rights, Members and Appurtenances whatfoever; and also the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders of all and fingular the Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof, and also all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, Property, Challenge and Demand whatfoever, which We Our Heirs or Successors have. or at any Time hereafter may, can, might or ought to have of, in, or unto the Premises, or unto any Part or Parcel thereof. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and fingular the Premises before, in and by these Presents given, granted, released and confirmed, or herein or hereby meant, mentioned, or intended to be given, granted, released and confirmed, and every Part, A 4

Parcel and Member thereof, together with their and every of their Rights, Members and Appurtenances whatfoever, unto them the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons, and Citizens of Our City of Dublin, and their Successors for ever; to be held and enjoyed by the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons, and Citizens of Our faid City of Dublin, and their Successors for ever; to the only Use, Ends, Intents and Purposes hereafter in these Prefents mentioned and expressed; that is to fay, Upon the especial Trust and Confidence, and to the End, Intent and Purpose, that the faid Piece of Ground on Oxmantown-Green aforesaid, hereby granted, or meant, mentioned, and intended to be granted, and the building thereon erected, and to be erected, Shall for ever more hereafter be, remain and continue a Mansion-House, and Place of Abode for the Sustentation and Relief of poor Children, aged and impotent People; to be holden of Us, our Heirs and Successors, as of our Castle of Dublin, in Free and Common Soccage, without any Rent or other Payment to be rendred or paid unto Us, Our Heirs and Succeffors for the fame. AND FURTHER of Our more abundant Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, and princely Difposition for the Furtherance and Accomplishment of so good and charitable a Work,

by and with the Advice and Confent aforefaid, and in Pursuance of our faid Letters, We have given and granted, and by these Prefents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We do give and grant unto the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons, and Citizens of Our faid City of Dublin, and their Successors for ever, full Power and Authority, at their Will and Pleasures, from Time to Time, and at all Times, to place therein fuch Master or Masters of the said Hospital, and fuch Numbers of poor People and Children, and fuch Officers or Ministers of the faid Hospital and Free-School, as likewise an able, learned, pious and orthodox Minister, to be approved of from Time to Time by the Archbishop of Dublin, for the Time being; the faid Minister to read Divine Service, and preach and teach the Word of God to fuch as shall reside within the same, and catechize fuch Children as shall be in the faid Hospital or Free-School, as to the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons, and Citizens, and their Successors, or such as shall be appointed as aforefaid, shall feem convenient; and from Time to Time, as they shall fee Occafion, to remove, displace, and amove such Master, Minister, Poor, poor Children, People, or any other Officers or Ministers to the faid Hospital or Free-School belonging, and put fome other or others in his or their Place or Stead.

Stead, and to apportion, appoint, and allow, from Time to Time fuch Fees, Salaries and Wages, and fuch Allowances for Maintenance, Relief and Sustentation of the faid Preacher, Mafter or Mafters, other Officers or Ministers, and the faid poor People and Children, as to them the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens, and their Successors, shall feem meet: And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens, and their Succeffors, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, when and as often as it shall feem expedient, or Necessity shall require, to make, constitute and appoint all or any such apt, wholesome and honest Ordinances, Statutes, Rules and Orders for or in Relation to the well governing of the faid Hospital and Free-school, or either of them, or the Master, Minister, Poor, poor Children, or any other Officers or Ministers to the faid Hospital, or Free-school, belonging or to be belonging, as to them the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens, and their Successors. shall feem meet, convenient, or necessary, giving and hereby granting unto them the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens, and their Successors, full and absolute Power and Authority to perform and execute atl Act or Acts, Thing or Things whatfoever, that shall be requisite and necessary to

be done for the putting in Execution or compelling a Performance of all fuch Ordinances. Statutes, Rules and Orders that shall, by Vertue of these Presents, be made, constituted or appointed, without Interruption of Us, our Heirs, or Successors, or any of the Juffices, Escheators, Sheriffs, Ministers, Scrvants, or other Subjects what foever, of Us, Our Heirs, or Successors, any Statute, Act, Law. or Direction heretofore done or made, or hereafter to be done or made to the contrary notwithstanding; fo that such Statutes, Ordinances, Rules, or Orders fo to be made, constituted, or appointed by Vertue of these Presents, be not contrary or disagreeing to the Laws and Statutes of Our Kingdom of England, or Ireland, or Our Royal Authority, and fuch Rules, Ordinances and Statutes to difanul and make void, as shall by the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens be found from Time to Time prejudicial and hurtful to the Government of the faid Hofpital and Free-school. AND further of Our more abundant Grace, certain Knowledge, meer Motion, and princely Disposition, for the Furtherance and Accomplishment of fo good and charitable a Work, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, and in Pursuance of Our said Letters, We have alfo given and granted, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give

and grant unto the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of our faid City of Dublin, and their Successors for ever, That the faid Hospital and Free-school shall be named, Incorporated, and called, THE HOSPI-TAL AND FREE-SCHOOL OF KING CHARLES THE SECOND, Dublin, and by that Name shall be and is hereby erected, founded, established and confirmed, and to have Maintenance and Continuance for ever, and that the Mayors, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of Our faid City of Dublin, and their Successors, shall be from Time to Time Governors of the faid Hofpital and Free-school, and of the Lands and Tenements, Possessions, Revenues and Goods, unto the same belonging, or to be belonging, and shall be called and known by the Name of the Governors of the Hospital and Freeschool of King Charles the Second, Dublin. and that the faid Governors shall be and for ever continue by the Name of the Governors of the Hospital and Free-school of King Charles the Second, Dublin, a Body Politic and Corporate, to have Successors for ever, and by that Name shall be and continue; and shall be able and capable in Law from Time to Time, and at all Times, to fue or be fued in any of Our Courts Spiritual and Temporal, within Our Kingdom of Ireland, or other Our Kingdoms and Dominions, in Relation to the faid Hospital and Freeschool,

school, or any of the Lands, Tenements or Possessions, Revenues or Goods unto the same belonging, or to be belonging, or for any Transgressions, Offences, Matters, Causes, or Things made, committed, or done, or to be done, in or upon the Premises, or any Part thereof, or any Thing in these Presents specified, and to purchase, take, hold, receive and enjoy to them and their Successors for ever, to the Ends aforefaid, as well Goods and Chattles, as also any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reversions, Annuities and Hereditaments whatfoever, as well from Us, Our Heirs, and Succeffors, as of any other Person or Persons whatsoever. not exceeding the yearly Value of Six Thoufand Pounds Sterling, the Statutes of Mortmain or any other Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding: And further of Our more abundant Grace, certain Knowledge, meer Motion, and princely Disposition, for the Furtherance and Accomplishment of fo good and charitable a Work, by and with the Advice and Confent aforefaid, and in Pursuance of Our faid Letters, We have also given and granted, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeffors, do give and grant free Liberty and License, that the said Governors, and their Successors, may have and enjoy a Common Seal for the fealing of any

Instrument, or Instruments, Deeds, or Writings, touching and concerning the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Businesses, or Affairs of the faid Hospital and Freeschool; nevertheless Our Royal Pleasure, Intent, and Meaning is, that the faid Governors, or their Successors, shall not do, or fuffer to be done, at any Time hereafter, any Act or Thing whereby any of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or the Estate which shall belong to the faid Corporation, shall be conveyed, alienated, or transferred, to any other Use whatsoever than to the Use of the faid Hospital or Free-school, and that the faid Governors, for the Time being, shall not make any other Lease or Leafes of any of the Lands, Tenements, Possessions, or Hereditaments, which shall belong to the faid Corporation than for the Term of Forty-one Years of Houses, or Buildings, or Ground to be built on, and of Twenty-one Years of Lands, Tythes, or other Hereditaments, and those to be made either in Possession, or not above Two Years before the Expiration of the State in Possesfion, and that without Fine or Income, at the best yearly Rent that bona fide from good and folvent Tenants may be had, and that no Lease be made to any of the aforesaid Governors, or to any other Person or Perfons,

fons, to the Use, or for in Trust for any of the faid Governors: AND further of Our more abundant Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, by and with the Advice and Confent aforefaid, and in Purfuance of our faid Letters, We have given and granted, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant unto the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of Our City of Dublin, and their Successors, that these Our Letters Patents, or the Inrolment thereof, and every Claufe, Article, Matter, and Thing whatfoever, herein contained, shall be in, by, and through all Things firm, good, valid, fufficient, and effectual in the Law unto them the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens, and their Successors, against Us, Our Heirs, and Succeffors, as well in all Our Courts within our faid Realm of Ireland as elsewhere wheresoever, notwithstanding the not finding, or not returning, or ill finding, or ill returning of any Office, or Inquifition, of the Parcel of Ground and Premifes in and by these Our Letters Patents. meant, mentioned, and intended to be given and granted for the Ends and Purpofes aforefaid, whereby our Title should have been found of, in, and unto the faid Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof before the making of these Presents, and notwithstanding the

not naming or not rightly naming of the Premifes, or any Part or Parcel thereof, or the Parish, Ward, Liberty, Freedom, or Place, in which the Premises, or any Part or Parcel thereof, is, are, or do lie, and notwithflanding the not naming, or not rightly naming, the Quantity, Quality, Nature, Kind, or Sort of the Premises, or any Part or Parcel thereof, and notwithstanding that of the true annual Value, Rate, Survey, Quantity, or Quality, of the Premises, there be no true, certain, or no mention made in these Presents, and notwithstanding the not naming, or not reciting, or ill naming, or ill reciting, of any Grant or Grants, Leafe or Leases, heretofore made of the Premises. or any Part or Parcel thereof, to any Person or Persons whatsoever for Term of Life. Lives, or Years, in Fee Simple, or Fee Tail, or otherwife howfoever, remaining of Record, or not of Record, and notwithstanding that of the Rent heretofore referved upon any former Demise or Demises, Lease or Leafes, heretofore made of the Premises, or any Part or Parcel thereof, there be no full, true, certain, or no mention at all made in these Presents, and notwithstanding a certain Statute made in the Parliament held at Westminster in Our faid Kingdom of England. in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King Henry

Henry the Sixth, late King of England, Our Predecessor, and notwithstanding a certain Statute made in the Parliament held at Limerick, in Our faid Kingdom of Ireland, in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of King Henry the Eighth, late King of England, Our Predecessor, the Title of which Act is, An Act for Lands given by the King, and notwithstanding any other Statute or Act made in Our faid Kingdom of Ireland, in any of the Years of the Reign of the faid King Henry the Eighth, and notwithstanding a certain Statute made in Our faid Kingdom of Ireland, the Second Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, late Queen of England, Our Predeceffor; and notwithstanding any other Statute or Act, Statutes or Acts, made in our faid Kingdom of Ireland, in the faid Second Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, or any other Year of the Reign of the faid Queen Elizabeth, or of any other the Kings or Queens of England; and notwithstanding any Act, Claufe, Provision, or Ordinance made in the Parliament begun at Dublin in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of our late Royal Father, of ever glorious Memory, deceafed; and notwithstanding any other Statute, Act. Ordinance, Provision, or Restriction, or any other Cause, Matter, or Thing whasoever, to the Evacuation or Annihilation of these Our

Our Letters Patents; and notwithstanding a Writ of ad quod damnum hath not iffued to enquire concerning the Premises. AND Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do by these Presents for Us, our Heirs, and Succeffors, give and grant unto the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of our faid City of Dublin, and their Successors, That they the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of Our faid City of Dublin, shall have these Our Letters Patents under Our Great Seal of Ireland without Fine, great or fmall, to be therefore paid to Our Use in Our Hanaper, in Our faid Kingdom of Ireland, Although express Mention is not made of the clear yearly Value, or of the Certainty of the Premises, or that any Gift or Grant heretofore made by Us, or Our Progenitors, to the faid Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of Our faid City of Dublin of the Premises, any Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Provision, or any other Cause or Matter whatfoever to the contrary notwithstanding; Provided always that these Our Letters Patents be inrolled in the Rolls of Our High Court of Chancery in Our faid Kingdom of Ireland, within the Space of Six Months next ensuing the Date of these Presents. In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our aforeaforesaid Lieutenant General and General Governor of Our said Kingdom of Ireland at Dublin, the Fifth Day of December, in the Three and Twentieth Year of our Reign.

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